SEWING ADVICE—READERS' CORRESPONDENCE—MARION HARLAND—M'LISS COMMENT

MEN ARE SLAVES TO WOMEN, CORRESPONDENT TELLS M'LISS

He Knocks the Woman's Rights Movement and Declares That He and His Brothers Are in Need of Emancipation

CECIL MONTAGUE loves the ladies, he tells me in the following letter. I have a mental picture of Cecil demonstrating his love. Eons ago he would have approached the damsel of his choice and bashed her over the head with his club while murmuring or bellowing fervently, "I love you."

Civilization has worked a change in Cecil, as it has in women. Law and the lady herself would make it dangerous for him to pursue such tactics. So he bashes her with pen and ink, or typewriting, to be exact. Writes he to me:

"Dear M'Liss—After giving your daily effusions mature deliberation, I have concluded that you are suffering from the same philosophic disorder as are nearly all women in this modern, peculiar age. While not particularly morbid about it, you evidently believe that something must be done to relieve woman from her terrible existence. You are right, undoubtedly—that much I concede from this safe distance, but I am very sure we would quarrel vociferously concerning the quality of that terrible existence.

"You are inoculated with that theory which loudly demands the emancipation of women and credits men with being base creatures, exploitive as a sex and totally lacking in the 'finer sensibilities.' But you are wrong—absolutely, emphatically and unequivocally. The women as a sex, instead, are base, and in support of that argument I present history. The women, also, rather than the men, are lacking in ideals—and in support of that argument I present women themselves—the women of this age, who, with far more so-called liberty than they had in any other age, have so stultified themselves that they support newspaper women's pages (I mean the women's pages of newspapers), and the awful sex literature that not even yet has reached the zenith of its might. And the fashions, the artificial beauty and the refined viciousness of mixed conversation! Such are the women whom the prophets of equal rights are calling to.

"It was our old friend Tolstoy—an authority upon the subject, if you remember—who said that women do not need to be emancipated from men as much as men need emancipation from women; and I add that what we need in this age is not a new type of woman, because the new type is horrible, but we do need a new type of man!

"We men are the ones who need to be liberated from the effeminacy that has lured us from the fight for our convictions. We are living in a woman's age, when cant and deceit run riot. There is nothing manly about our literature, our drama, amusements—they are all effeminate, amorous—no longer armorous. When we do fight it is for greed, inspired and made holy by the whisperings of war brides and neurotic uplifters—the spirit of the Crusaders has fled, and men now, like old women, sit down and wait to be courted by the highest bidder, which has always been a woman's way.

"The woman has never been oppressed. It is foolish to talk of her ever having been a slave. She may have been highly immoral—and she is yet—consenting to an exploitation of her womanhood for "what she could get out of it"; but she never has been oppressed because she was a woman. The great majority of the human race has been economically exploited since the first seeds of organized society began to sprout, but this form of exploitation knows no sex. It takes hold of men just as firmly as it does of women, with this difference—that the women see a way out of it, and very often go that way.

"Woman has always had life lightened for her by her slave—the man who shielded her from the fight and risked his own neck so that she might have food. It was the man who was killed in war. Always the women were saved, possibly—no, actually—for other men, but I defy you—real terrible like—to show me that the women ever minded the change, except in isolated cases, which, today, in order to have something to inspire us, we have converted into romances. Of course, the man might have been gruff sometimes. But he was always the meal ticket, and used as such—don't forget that! And that's what counts if you're talking about slavery. Besides, men were not gruff only to their women—they were gruff to other men (even murdered them).

"Yes, sir, we men need liberation—not you women. We need to get away from supplying women with all the necessities and luxuries of life for no other reward than a smile and a kiss that may be of the 'Judasses' kind.

"The woman's rights movement is one for which I can feel only the greatest contempt, because it is an accentuated or aggravated sex-groping affair; but that movement, what its name is, that encourages woman to seek her own daily bread in an honest fashion, disdaining tricks of the feminine trade, is one which appeals to me. At least the latter shows that some women are growing tired of owning slaves.

"That's what man is—a slave. Go to a clubhouse, go to any gathering exclusively of men, and what is the chief topic of conversation? War? Not so that you can notice it. Business? Not out of business hours, and very often during business hours. 'Tis woman, morning, noon and night, while they are awake and while they are asleep. With their eyes open daytimes they watch her on the streets; asleep at night, they dream of her. They're nuts.

"The woman knows the man is her slave—although the poor dub himself denies it. For a sparkling eye men will go through hellfire. The only 'right' a woman is in need of is the right to cease her shameless oppression, her shameless exploitation. As it is now she has nothing but a lackey always following her around, spending all his wages or gamblings upon her, trampling on himself, allowing himself to be robbed just for a smile, and, maybe, a kiss from the female Judas, who, after all, is nought but what Kipling called her in 'The Vampire.'

"I certainly do love the ladies. I finish with that sentence, because you may think I'm a woman hater. I'm not. Hate is too strong a word. We don't hate that which we hold only in contempt.

"CECIL MONTAGUE."

The economical exploitation of the human race which, Cecil tells us, takes hold of men as it does of women causes the latter to "go that way" which he infers is the reprehensible way of the primrose path and the bright lights. He does not add, however, that history and tradition have proved that many men do not have to have the excuse of economic pressure for "going that way."

Ultimately the change in woman's status will bring about, it is to be hoped, but is not promised, an equal standard of morals for men and women, but until that happy day eventuates mothers will continue to worry more about their boys "going that way" than about their girls.

In answer to another of your charges, Cecil, from personal experience, I would say that judging from my correspondence, just as many men, yourself not excepted, seem to enjoy being "stultified" by the woman's pages of newspapers.

In conclusion, Cecil, it shows exceptionally bad judgment for a man to spend his life supplying a woman who is a female Judas with "all the necessities and luxuries" when there are so many wholesomely attractive women in the world. Only the slave kind—a very minor, abnormal type—would do it. Did he exist in large numbers, I should be one of the first to enlist under a "masculinist" or men's rights movement.

M'LISS.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'Liss—If I write a letter to a person who has a private secretary, will the letter receive personal attention if I write personal on the front of the envelope? Supposing the letter returns to my home and some one reads it, the result would be disaster for me. In this case may I write on the back, "To be destroyed if not delivered"? Can I rely upon the proper authorities to do this? IGNORANT.

Private secretaries, so far as I can glean, are employed for the express purpose of opening the tons of letters that their employers receive marked "personal."

Never put anything into writing that would cause disaster to come to you should persons for whom it was not intended read it. The advice of a famous lawyer to his clients is apropos: Don't write and fear nothing.

Why not write a letter to the person whom you wish to address, asking him to make an appointment to see you? Then say what you have to say.

THE WOMAN WHO SEWS

Readers who desire help with their dress problems will address communications to the Fashion Expert, care of the Editor of the Woman's Page, the Evening Ledger.

Show me the woman who can look pretty in the pouring rain and I can tell you why. She's learned a secret that many of her less fortunate sisters would give their ears to know. Who hasn't had the distressing experience of having to take off her best suit just when she is ready to leave the house, because of a sudden rainstorm? And then, worse still, by the time she gets to her destination the sun has come out again and she hates every smartly dressed woman in the world.

This is likely to happen to any one these warm summer days. Be prepared. There are stunning little silk raincoats, rubberized, that fit into a bag no larger than a boudoir pillow. They are long enough to reach to the very edge of your skirts. You can slip the coat on in a second, and it's becoming. It is light, weighing no more than a cobweb. Many women wear these coats to play golf in when it rains, and for boating when the spray flies in the wind.

Dear Madam—I have a fine white organdie dress, trimmed with filet and Valenciennes lace, it was my graduation dress. A short time ago I took a tuck in the skirt, which is made in the pointed princess of the organdie, set in a deep yoke. The flounces are edged with Val. The tucks extends between the flounce and the yoke, and is too long to be needed in any way I know of. Your advice will be appreciated. B. J. G.

Lay the edges of the torn material together and get some one who knows how to darn them down on to a piece of very fine net. If this still shows, there is nothing to do but renew the organdie between the seams on the skirt. This is an easy thing to do and your dress is well worth it.

Dear Madam—How can I make a pair of bloomers to wear under dresses in the street, for I find it is hard to find them, for they are so expensive. Can you tell me if they can be made at home? Do they cost much? G. R.

You will have to buy a pair of lamb's wool soles the size of your feet, or perhaps a little larger. These are to be slipped on when the feet are relaxed, and consequently must be a good size. Shir a piece of broad satin ribbon (about four inches wide) on both edges, then tack it down to the sole of the slippers, leaving the outer side quite loose, but the toe part must be firm. Run a rubber through the outer part underneath the ribbon, having it taut enough to stay on the toes. Real "mules" should have heels. These forms are more expensive.

Dear Madam—I am a young lady of 16, and want to get some kind of an evening cape to wear at the seashore. My hair is light and I have blue eyes and fair skin. Do you think black velvet would be pretty? I want something to wear over evening dresses now and later on in the winter. F. J. H.

Black velvet is a bit old for a girl of your age. Why not get a cape of heavy white, rose, blue or nile green satin, made in ripple style? One of these seen recently was really five capes, one on top of the other; it was remarkably chic. Line your cape with swansdown and then with shirred chiffon or georgette. Some of the newer models are reversible.

Italian Dressing

Try this some time when you are tired of mayonnaise. Use eight tablespoonfuls of olive oil, two of tarragon vinegar, a teaspoonful of salt, and a half-teaspoonful of paprika, two teaspoonfuls of thick tomato catsup and a garlic clove. Chop and mash the garlic and combine with the catsup, salt and paprika. Blend well, then stir in the oil, a few drops at a time. Beat until smooth, then add the vinegar, also a little at a time. Make over ice and serve as you do French dressing.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS

SERVICEABLE WHITE COAT

THE white chinchilla coat, which has been the summer staple for years and years, is with us again, but, as to be expected, with modifications to make it a strictly 1916 affair. The sports clothes, which have swept everything before them for the last year or so, are doubtless responsible for the numerous patch pockets, that are as practical as they are smart. As a further practical feature, we have the convertible collar, which may be worn opened or closed. Price $15. For those who desire a longer coat—seven-eighths or full-length—it may be ordered for $20.

Here is an unusually smart hat with a number of novel touches. It is of silver gray faille silk with a navy blue taffeta facing and graduated straps of the same edging the brim and trimmed with a novel handle effect of taffeta with loops and ends. It also comes in white and navy or white and black, or may be ordered in any combination, for $5.95.

The name of the shop where these articles may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

SIMPLE METHODS FOR REDUCING EFFECTS OF MOSQUITO NUISANCE

By WILLIAM A. EVANS, M. D.

FOR the benefit of those who must travel in mosquito-infested places, particularly on shipboard, we quote some observations made by Doctor Given on the British ship Cadmus.

In the summers of 1911 and 1912 the Cadmus was in Chinese waters. (1) In the summer of 1912 the complaints about the ravages of mosquitoes were "virtually nil as compared with the previous summer." (2) "We had not a single case of malaria during our 10 months' sojourn up the Yangtse."

Oil of citronella was procured by wholesale. A half dram or less was poured in the palm of the hand and then anointed on the feet, ankles, hands and face. This would secure immunity for four hours at least, and sometimes for the entire night.

Perhaps a good method of using citronella would be that suggested by General Holmes. Pieces of gauze dipped in oil are bound around the wrist, ankles and forehead.

By the free use of citronella Given found that the men could get on very well without mosquito bars. Oil of citronella sold retail at 12 cents an ounce. It was much cheaper when bought wholesale. Ten pounds lasted the entire ship's crew throughout the summer.

Joss Sticks or Punk.—In the ward rooms and officers' cabins smoldering joss sticks were effective. On the mess decks and in other open locations they did not do much good. A few sticks smoldering on the table would keep the room clear during the meal.

Mosquito Netting.—Most of the men on shipboard slept in hammocks. It is not an easy matter to cover a hammock effectively with mosquito netting. In the first place, it is difficult to keep the netting in position; in the second, if the netting touches the body the mosquitoes can feed through it. In contrast with the average commercial wire screening, the average mosquito bar has a mesh fine enough to stop mosquitoes. On the other hand, netting very often has rents and tears large enough to let mosquitoes through.

Given arranged a mosquito netting over hoops so that the whole had the shape of a torpedo. When this was drawn tightly at the head and foot of the hammock it was mosquito-proof and the netting was held away from the body. A netting over a hammock is troublesome to put in position, tears easily and stops some of the air on a hit night. A piece of netting 6 by 9 feet is required.

Efforts to keep mosquitoes out of the ship by placing wire screens over the portholes, scuttles and ventilators were worse than useless. The gauze kept out some air, the mosquitoes got into the cabins anyhow, and, having gotten in, could not get out, and remained to torment. All breeding places on shipboard were cleaned out. The bilge water on lifeboats and rowboats was found to be a great breeding place.

Diet for Bright's Disease

Referring to your answer to "J. J." relative to "Albumen in Urine," you say to "get clear cut, definite, detailed directions and follow them." Will you tell what things are right to eat and what to let alone? Also will strenuous gymnasium work or swimming tend to bring on the albumen? Does smoking in a moderate way affect the albumen? H. B. F.

There is more than one kind of Bright's disease. What is a proper diet for one would be improper for another except as to general lines. In acute albuminuria or Bright's disease the patient should eat little meat or none. In chronic Bright's disease the patient needs more meat and a generally heavier diet than in acute disease, though less than a well man requires. Again, the amount of meat that can be allowed depends on the peculiarities of the individual. Therefore, I repeat to you the advice given J. J. to get clear cut, definite, detailed directions and follow them.

2. Do not overeat, ever. Avoid heavy meals, such as result in a feeling of fulness in the stomach. Eat sparingly of meats, gravies, and rich foods. A sample of low protein diet is as follows: Breakfast—A large plate of fruit and milk or cream, followed by abundant cereal and milk, with bread and butter. No meat, eggs or fish. Wait five hours. Dinner—Not more than four ounces of meat or fish, which must be quite fresh, a large plate of green vegetables potatoes sparingly, and nothing more than a taste of sweets. Five hours later: Supper—May be a repetition of breakfast, but succulent vegetables may replace the fruit, and macaroni or a similar dish may be substituted for the cereal.

3. Yes. Such exercise in moderation will not.

4. No.

Eczema on Baby

My baby has had a form of eczema since two weeks old. It was an eruption which crusted his head with a red, pimply rash. Now, at 2½ months, his skin burns at night during hot weather. (1) Would you use water for bathing? (2) Is olive oil the best substitute? (3) Dill ointments do any good? (4) Are seven teaspoonfuls of lime water a day injurious? "M. S."

1. Use as little as possible.

2. Any fresh unsalted grease will do. Olive oil is all right.

3. Very little.

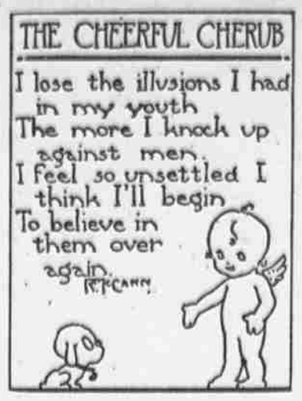
4. No.

Eczema in a baby is due to errors in diet. Sometimes the fault is with the mother's diet. It is said that if the mother drinks too much tea the baby will develop the condition. Constipation in the mother is another cause. Regulate your diet. Give the baby some orange juice. Let him drink some water before nursing. He will not get over the eczema until you get his diet right. You may have to wean him, but do not do so unless advised by your physician.

Ink on Oak

Ink spots get ingrained in the wood of an oak desk in a very short time, so remove them if possible when they are new. The best way to do it is by laying spirits of wine on the marks, then allowing them to remain for some time before rubbing off.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB



Artistic Summer Luncheons

August is the time for goldenrod, and nothing is more delightful for home decorations than the beautiful, yellow flower. One woman made use of the goldenrod season to give a goldenrod luncheon. She really had to give the luncheon, and since she felt she did not care to spend a large sum on table and house flowers she decided to use the wild flowers that were peeping in at her back yard.

Have bowls of goldenrod all around the shady porch and on the luncheon table for artistic effect. Yellow ribbons or crepe paper ones running from the centre bowl to the place cards is pretty, too, if you want to give a touch of the unusual to your decorations. A good cold luncheon menu is more acceptable in summer time than an elaborate and heat-producing bill of fare. Here is a sample list which is easily prepared and cooling to the system: Cold cuts such as chicken, Virginia ham, plain boiled ham, tongue, veal, lamb, etc., with Russian dressing.

Russian dressing is made by beating two raw eggs well in a large bowl. Add a bit of pepper, a quarter teaspoonful of salt, a little paprika, a teaspoonful each of finely chopped peppers, both green and red, pickles and a half cupful of tarragon vinegar. Mix well. Now add two cupfuls of chili sauce and two of mayonnaise. Stir well. The mayonnaise should be very thick.

Saratoga chips, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers on watercress with French dressing, or fruit salad with oiled mayonnaise, sandwiches and individual molds of gelatine with whipped cream on the top with fancy cakes make a delightful luncheon fare.

A green and white luncheon is another inexpensive color scheme, for the greens may be furnished by any convenient ferns, etc., that you have on hand. Most summer places have ferny woods around them, so that it is easy to get the greens fresh. Have a large circular reflector in the centre of the table and bank this with mosses and greens. If you add a toy boat and the banking is done well one can hardly tell the difference between that and a miniature lake. A large fern ball in full bloom suspended above the table and reflected in the "lake" adds to the picturesqueness of the whole. Place cards should be white, painted with a fern design in water colors. Write the names in green.

Here is a luncheon that carries out the green color scheme and is easy to prepare: Puree of pea and spinach soup, served in cups with a teaspoonful of whipped cream on top. Minced chicken baked in ramekins, with parsley on top, sweetbread salad in green sweet peppers, an ice-colored green with spinach juice or pistachio ice cream, small cakes, iced with green and large green mints. Creme de menthe may be served with the coffee.

Something Different

Left-overs can always be utilized in one way or another, but one of the prettiest ways, as well as one of the most palatable, is to use left-over meat inside cucumbers. Pare and halve your cucumbers, cooking them in seasoned chicken or meat broth until tender. Scoop out all seeds. Toast bread slices, moisten them slightly with broth and place the cooked cucumber on the bread. Fill them with creamed chicken.

Sweetbreads Larded

Parboil and blanch sweetbreads, and run through each four or five pieces of salt pork. Do this with a larding needle, or a sharp narrow bladed knife, and let the ends of the pork extend on either side. Have a tablespoonful of butter on the blazer, and cook your sweetbreads in this, turning often. Let them cook slowly.

To Pit Cherries

If you are canning cherries this year you'll need one of these new patented cherry pitters. They work like a charm. To quote the Popular Mechanics Magazine, the pitter is a "semicylindrical hopper framework by springs. By means of handles at either end of the hopper it may be lowered on its framework; this movement thrusts plungers through the cherries and deposits the pitted fruit." The housewife can tell you that: in other words, the cherry pitter does the work in half the time it takes her to do it.

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

All communications addressed to Marion Harland should inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marion Harland, in care of this paper, for addresses of those they would like to help, and, having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

Wants Magazines; Donates Kittens

Will you kindly send me the address of Mrs. F. M.? I should like to have a few of the magazines she offers. Or if she has no more, would it be asking too much to print my request? If there is any little boy or girl who would like a kitty, please send them my name and address. I have 10 of them. MRS. J. R.

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Bible to Give Away

I have a picture Bible that was presented to me. I have an old Bible of my own. Is there any one who would like to read it? I will give it away. It has a leather cover and is nice print. The leaves of the back are getting loose, but it can be used for a long time yet. Thank you much for the suit I got through the Corner. MRS. G. R.

The old Bible with nice print and leather back may be renovated at small expense by a bookbinder and be as good as new. With this in mind somebody is likely to send for your address and secure it. I am glad you have the picture Bible you wished to obtain. We rarely, if ever, fail to get the best of books for one who seeks it through the Corner.

Sends Supply of Magazines

Please send me the address of Mrs. J. S. I will gladly send her a supply of magazines. About a year ago I answered a request, which came from an Indian school, for magazines. In all I must have sent about 100. Since then I have received several splendid letters and pictures from the school and feel that I have been more than repaid for the little trouble it cost me. I hope Mrs. J. S. will be as well pleased after she hears from me. ROSA G.

The address went to you by post. It goes without saying that the recipient will be well pleased and will let you know it. The Corner is assuredly well pleased by the news of your bountiful benefaction to the Indian School. It was pleasant, too, to read of the splendid letters that have been part of your recompense.

Copies of "Gipsy's Warning"

I received a nice collection of stamps and also a copy of "The Gipsy's Warning," and have already expressed thanks to the donor. I will copy it off for others, if wanted. Let me thank you for the prompt reply and say that in the course of a few days I shall have the cards ready to send. If there is any other way in which I can return the favor I shall gladly do so. BETTY M.

We desire no return beyond that you have already showed yourself ready to make, and in plenteous measure. Watch the Corner for a chance to lend a lift out of bog or cloud to a fellow passenger in the long journey and take advantage of it. And this we are sure you would do without our injunction.

Asks Copies of Songs

I wish to thank the Corner and the one who gave a bird to my invalid friend. I cannot thank the Corner enough for what it has done for me. I have come to it many times for others that needed help. I cannot tell you how happy my dear friend is over her bird. O, how she loves it! I only wish we could do something for the Corner. Will you please ask if there is any one who has music she does not want? I do not care for waltzes. I should like songs that any one may have and no longer wants. MRS. G. S.

And the bird really reached the invalid who longed for it so long and ardently! Thank you for telling us of her delight. You make a pretty picture for us to add to Corner scenes from real life. We must try to get the music—or at least some of it—for you in grateful recognition of the effort you made to secure the bird for the shut-in. Your address and wish are safely registered.

Copies of Monograms

I have a great many monograms cut from stationery and would gladly send them to any one who cares for them. Send three or four addresses, as I have enough for that many. B. W.

The addresses will flow in upon you when your proposal has been read. Monograms and initials are ever welcome to those who mark linen, etc., in embroidery. And everybody does this in our time. The wrought letters are graceful and often elegant and last as long as the fabric upon which they are worked.

Spanish Lessons Free

I will co-operate with your Corner, as I think I have the ability to help some one who desires to learn or practice the Spanish language. I can devote one hour a day to it. This help of mine is absolutely and unconditionally gratis for those who wish to accept it. I love American people! I wish to show it in some practical manner. RALPH C.

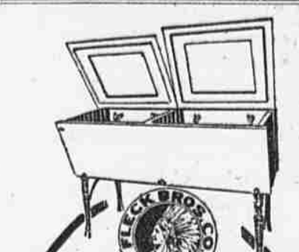
This friend of his fellow men is one of the adopted loyal citizens who make us proud of their choice of our country as a home. His hearty, "I love American people!" rings like a clarion. May his tribe increase! The offer of free tuition is eminently creditable to him and a tribute to the people he has learned to love. Will he round out the benefaction by writing a personal letter to me, giving his typewritten address in full?

Rose Petal Sandwiches

Are greatly in demand in the fashionable hotels at teatime. This is how they make them: Get a pound of fresh, unsalted butter. Pack it away in a closed case with a covering of fragrant rose leaves. Of course it is unnecessary to say that every rose petal should be gone over with an eye to the ubiquitous bug. The more highly scented the leaves the better your butter will staste. Spread round or diamond-shaped slices of bread or angel cake cut very thin with the butter the next day. Put a few rose petals in between so that they show.

For the Youngsters

A splendid plaything is a box of colored modeling clay which little fingers can mold into fascinating figures. Dogs, pigs, birds, butterflies and such creatures are easily formed. The clay itself is plastic and ready to use, requiring no water to soften it. It does not soil the young one's clothing, for it is neither sticky nor greasy.



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